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MEMORANDUM FOR: []
Chief, FPL Group
ATTENTION: [] (C)
FPL Group
FROM: []
Acting Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Name Trace Request - Vitant Tumash and
Nicholas Scors
REFERENCE: OGC 83-02472 dated 24 March 1983

1. An intensive search of the files and indices of the Directorate of Operations was conducted in order to determine whether this Agency has any information concerning the activities of Vitant TUMASH and Nicholas SCORS during World War II. (C)

2. The following information was surfaced in response to your request. (U).

3. Vitant TUMASH

OG/EIB/NRS surfaced [] on Vitant TUMASH. The following is a summary of the 201 file.

A. Biographic Background: Vitant TUMASH, aka Symon Braha, aka Frederick K. Vonel was born December 1910 in Spishlica, Wilna District, Byelorussia (Poland). He is married to Keenia Tumash, nee Grygarczuk, and they have two children. TUMASH graduated from college in 1930 and received his medical degree from the University of Wilna in May 1939. Upon graduation from medical school, TUMASH worked as a DP, UNRA and IRO doctor in Germany, in addition to being a well known political writer of the Byelorussian scene.

TUMASH arrived in the United States in circa 1950, and began an internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Patterson, New Jersey. In 1952 he became an admitting

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physician in City Hospital (Fordham Hospital) in New York City. TUMASH was also the editor of "Zapisy," the scientific quarterly of the Whiteruthenian Institute of Arts and Sciences. In addition, he wrote many scientific articles in magazines and newspapers. Tumash was also reported to be a member of the "Union of Byelorussian Doctors," an anti-communist organization. TUMASH is openly sympathetic to the Byelorussian national liberation movement. He is an ardent anti-communist and Byelorussian patriot who desires a free and democratic Byelorussia. According to TUMASH, he has been actively involved in this struggle since 1923.

B. Operational Activity: This Agency first contacted TUMASH on 16 February 1954 in New York City, and a covert security clearance was granted in May 1954 for his covert use. On 20 October 1954, a representative of this Agency met with TUMASH in New York City and entered him into formal contract; in addition, TUMASH agreed to use the name Frederick K. Vonel when involved in dealings with the United States Government.

TUMASH's country assignment was the United States, and his duty was to prepare a comprehensive study of Byelorussia, including culture, history, literature, politics, and in particular, Byelorussian emigration to the United States following World War II. According to our records TUMASH was still employed by this Agency as of January 1956. (S)

4. Nicholas SCORS

OG/EIB/NRS surfaced information on Nicholas SCORS which consists of three Federal Bureau of Investigation documents. The following is a summary of those documents:

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation SCORS was an active sympathizer, committee member, and leader of the Byelorussian Democratic Republic Central Committee, U.S.A., an anti-communist organization based in South River, New Jersey. (S)

5. As a result of this search, no information was surfaced concerning the activities of the individuals in reference during World War II. (S)

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6. According to information provided this Directorate by DDA/IPD, there is no indication that the individuals in reference have ever been the subjects of an FOIA/PA request.
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